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REMARKS:

Claims 1, 2, 10-12, 14-17 and 19-22 are pending in the application among them only claim 1 is an independent claim. Claim 3 has been cancelled.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 10-12, 16, 17, 19 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nose et al. in view of Mendelovich et al. and Akemi et al. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 as amended should be patentable over the cited references.

Claim 1 requires that each of the multiple projections comprise one point higher than any other portions thereof. In other words, each projection has one point higher than any other points of the projection. Claim 1 covers the configuration shown in Fig. 7B of the present application but excludes the configuration shown in Fig. 7A. In the configuration shown in 7A, which shows a triangular bar, there are considered multiple points arranged along the ridge of a bar, among which no one point cannot be higher than any other points. Mendelovich discloses round bars. (col. 5, lines 1-4). Like the triangular bar shown in Fig. 7A of the present application, the round bar of Mendelovich cannot have one point higher than any other points thereof. None of the references discloses or teaches this limitation of claim 1. Therefore, Applicant believes that at least for this reason, claim 1 should be allowable over the cited references. Since claim 1 should be allowable, the other pending claims, which all depend directly or indirectly from claim 1, should also be allowable over the cited references.

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, the first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. In the above amendment, Applicant has canceled the claim 3.

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